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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR FEB-MARCH 1977 SESSION OF ILO GOVERNING
BODY (GB)

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1. AMBASSADOR DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE TO FOREIGN MINISTER (ADMIRAL) GUZZETTI ON FEBRUARY 11. ON RECEIVING AIDE MEMOIRE, GUZZETTI COMMENTED THAT HE WAS GENERALLY AWARE OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED AND THAT HE THOUGHT U.S. AND ARGENTINA INTERESTS COINCIDED IN THIS MATTER.

2. LABATT ALSO BRIEFED UNDER SECRETARY OF LABOR (NAVAL CAPTAIN) ROBERTO DALL'ASTA ON BOTH 1974 ISRAELI CONDEMNATION ISSUE AND U.S. PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE 17 PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA WHERE HE WILL BE A NON-VOTING DELEGATE REPRESENTING GOA. (AMBASSADOR GABRIEL MARTINEZ WILL SERVE AS DALL'ASTA'S ALTER-NATE.) DALL'ASTA EXPRESSED FULL AGREEMENT WITH GOAL OF DEPOLITICIZING THE WORK OF THE ILO AND ENSURING THAT COMPLAINTS AND RESOLUTIONS DO NOT CIRCUMVENT PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS AS ESTABLISHED BY THE ILO CONSTITUTION. ALTHOUGH HE ATTENDED THE GB MEETING LAST NOVEMBER, HE APPEARED TO BE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE SUBSTANCE AND DETAILS OF THE CONDEMNATION AGAINST ISRAEL. NEVERTHELESS, AND DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE GOA IS A NON-VOTING
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MEMBER OF THE GB, DALL'ASTA SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE USG POSITION IN HIS CONTACTS WITH THE OTHER DELEGATES, SOMEWHAT IMMODESTLY EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE IN HIS OWN ABILITY TO PERSUADE OTHERS ON ACCOUNT OF THE FRIENDSHIPS HE HAS CULTIVATED IN THE SHORT PERIOD HE HAS BEEN ATTENDING ILO MEETINGS. HE ALSO PROMISED TO BRIEF THE ARGENTINE EMPLOYER DELEGATE, WHO DEPARTED FOR GENEVA BEFORE WE RECEIVED REFTELS. DALL'ASTA

FURTHER STATED THAT AT PREVIOUS ILO MEETINGS HE RECEIVED NO GUIDANCE OR INSTRUCTIOONS FROM THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WAS ON HIS OWN (EXCEPT FOR ADVICE FROM AMBASSADOR MARTINEZ), AND EXPECTED THE SAME WOULD BE TRUE FOR THIS GB MEETING.

3. COMMENT: DALL'ASTA IS AN EBULLIENT, CONGENIAL FELLOW WHO PROFESSES TO BE AN ADMIRER OF THE U.S., HAVING SPENT SOME TIME IN THE U.S. IN A TRAINING CAPACITY WITH USN. U.S. DELEGATES MAY FIND HIM A USEFUL CONTACT AND SOURCE.

4. AS DEPARTMENT AND US MISSION AWARE, ARGENTINE WORKER DELEGATE CASILDO HERRERAS, IN TERMOS OF OFFICIAL POLICY, IS CONSIDERED ANATHEMA BY GOA. (ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF DALL'ASTA AND HERRERAS WERE TO MEET QUIETLY.) IN VIEW OF THE OFFICIAL POSTURE AND LABOR MINISTER AND DALL'ASTA'S PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS ABOUT ALLEGED AFL-CIO SUPPORT OF HERRERAS, WE REFRAINED FROM RAISING HIS NAME. HOWEVER, WE ASSUME THAT HERRERAS HAS BEEN "GOTTEN TO" BY U.S. WORKER REPRESENTATIVE IN TERMS OF SUPPORTING OUR PROPOSALS.

5. DALL'ASTA IS CONCERNED HE MAY HAVE A ROUGH GOING AT THIS GB SESSION ON ACCOUNT OF THIS CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF TRADE UNION LIBERTIES IN ARGENTINA. END COMMENT.
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